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2012 SCHOOL ELECTION CALENDAR

*The annual election for school districts shall be held between the second Tuesday in April and the third Tuesday in June (SDCL 13-7-10). The days to the right are found to be the most common. A school district may choose an alternative date.	MUNICIPAL Second Tuesday in April	PRIMARY First Tuesday after the first Monday in June	TRADITIONAL Third Tuesday in June
The school board shall set the date of the Annual School Election	-	-	
no later than the first regular meeting in January.			
<u>(13-7-10)</u>	April 10 th	June 5 th	June 19 th
The person in charge of the election must notify the Secretary of			
State when the election will take place by e-mail, letter, fax, or			
telephone.			
(12-2-7)	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions	January 15 th	February 15 th	March 15 th
each week for two consecutive weeks.	-	-	-
(<u>9-13-6</u> , <u>05:02:04:014</u> , <u>13-7-5</u> , <u>13-7-10</u> , <u>& 13-7-10.4</u>)	January 30 th	March 1	March 30 th
Earliest date to begin petition circulation and earliest date to file			
nominating petition.			
(<u>13-7-6</u> , <u>13-7-10.2</u> & <u>13-7-10.4</u>)	January 27 th	March 1 st	April 10 th
Publish first deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be	March 5 th	April 30 th	May 14 th
published each week for two consecutive weeks.	-	-	
(<u>12-4-5.2</u> & <u>05:02:04:04</u>)	March 9 th	May 4 th	May 18 th
Deadline for filing nominating petition.	February 24 th	March 27 th	May 11 th
(<u>13-7-6</u> , <u>13-7-10.2</u> , & <u>13-7-10.4</u>)	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw		·	
candidate's name from nomination.	February 24 th	March 27 th	May 11th
(<u>13-7-7</u>)	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
Publish last deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be	March 12 th	May 7 th	May 21 st
published each week for two consecutive weeks.	-	-	- ,
(<u>12-4-5.2</u> & <u>5:02:04:04</u>)	March 16 th	May 11 th	May 25 th
Deadline for voter registration. 15 days before election.			
<u>(12-4-5)</u>	March 26 th	May 21 st	June 4 th
Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days			
prior to the election. If the election is held in conjunction with			
the June Primary Election, absentee voting shall begin 46 days			
prior to the election.	. +h	. th	+h
(<u>12-16-1</u> & <u>13-7-13</u>)	March 26 th	April 20 th	June 4 th
Publish notice of election that needs to be published each week	th	a a st	, _{-th}
for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at least 10	March 26 th	May 21 st	June 4 th
days before election.	- Cth	- 1 4.St	- th
(13-7-8 & 05:02:04:15)	April 6 th	June 1 st	June 15 th
Publish facsimile ballot in the calendar week before the election.	April 2nd	May 20 th	lung 11 th
The calendar week falls from the Monday to the Saturday of the	April 2 nd	May 28 th	June 11 th
week prior to the Tuesday of Election Day.	- April 7 th	June 2 nd	June 16 th
<u>(13-7-8)</u>	April /	Julie 2	Julie 10

Automatic tabulating systems only. Conduct a public test of the	March 31 st	May 28 th	June 9 th
system. Must publish notice 48 hours before test.	-	-	-
(<u>12-17B-5</u> & <u>5:02:09:01.01</u>)	April 9 th	June 4 th	June 18 th
Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.			
(<u>13-7-10</u>)	April 10 th	June 5 th	June 19 th
Deadline for the official canvass.			
(<u>13-7-18</u>)	Next meeting	Next meeting	Next meeting

Note: If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April, all dates follow <u>SDCL 13-7</u> (except when combined with the county for a primary election).

Notify County Auditor: Contact your County Auditor when you know you will have an election and ask if he/she can be available from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration.